

highly-trained professionals. Sometimes, our Dad even worked a third part-time job tutoring inmates at MCI-Shirley which was another job he loved.

You see, for our Dad, supporting education was not just a bumper sticker you slapped on the back of your car, or a slogan you repeated at PTA meetings. For him, education has been more than a career; it has been a way of life.

For all of our Dad's native intelligence and his worldly sophistication, he is really a very simple man with very simple tastes. He likes a cheap glass of wine and a good glass of scotch. He likes an all-you-can-eat buffet or any restaurant he has a coupon to. He likes a good long walk, preferably by the ocean. He likes short sermons at Mass. He likes 60 Minutes on Sunday nights. He likes a good book, the Boston Sunday Globe and anything Tom Farragher writes he believes is the best thing he has ever read. He also likes his so-called off-site construction meetings with Phil Bailey and pizza with Carol Ann Hamilton and Joan Strang. And, he likes family vacations or any other occasion, with the possible exception of tonight, that brings his children and grandchildren together.

In addition to these simple tastes, there are a handful of institutions that our Dad holds dear and the only one that rivals his affection for the Clinton Public Schools is his alma-matter, the University of Notre Dame, which he shares with both of his brothers, two of his four children, and his friend and former colleague Pat Burke.

About 12 years ago, my older brother came across a letter to the editor in the Notre Dame Student Newspaper, The Observer, which he shared with me. I saved it because it is as near-perfect description of our Dad that I have ever seen reduced to writing and if you'll indulge me a little bit longer, I'd like to read a portion of it for you now.

"A man is someone who cares passionately about things that need caring about. Someone who refuses to accept things that are wrong, even though accepting them would be easier. Someone who yells sometimes and fights sometimes and cries sometimes and is not afraid to do any of those things when he feels a need to. Someone who doesn't always win or even come close, but who know instinctively that trying is what counts. Someone Notre Dame is proud of."

For fully thirty-five years, our Dad has tried and succeeded in making the students in his care and the schools systems in his charge the very best they could be. And so, by that standard, or any other for that matter, I think tonight it is fair to say:

Dad, the University of Notre Dame is proud of you. Your profession is proud of you. The Town of Clinton is proud of you. And, most especially, your children are, as we have always been, so very proud of you.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROCKY FORD DAILY GAZETTE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today and pay tribute to the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette and its hard working staff in Rocky Ford, Colorado. The Daily Gazette has long been the source of local news for the community and year after year has demonstrated excellence in reporting. As they celebrate their one-hundredth Anniversary, let it be known that it is my pleasure to honor the

Daily Gazette and their dedicated staff before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The paper was initially started in 1887 by Harry V. Alexander under the name of the Rocky Ford Enterprise. In 1904 the name was changed to the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette. Reaching its first centennial as the Daily Gazette demonstrates the staying power that results from the hard work and dedication the staff has shown. Fifty years ago, the Daily Gazette changed ownership when Ross and Anne Thompson purchased the town's newspaper, and it has remained in the family ever since. They have passed the responsibility of managing editor on to their son, J.R. Thompson.

As a result of their hard work and dedication serving the community, they have received several honors. Ross and Anne were awarded the 1979 honor of publisher of the year by the Colorado Press Association. In 1984, Anne won the Emma McKinney Award for her demonstration of distinguished service to the community. The Gazette now serves thousands of readers in two counties.

Mr. Speaker, the staff of the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette have committed to the betterment of their community by using the free press to inform their fellow citizens. The dissemination of information plays an important role in maintaining the tight knit society characteristic of our country's smaller towns. I congratulate the Gazette for one-hundred years of success and wish its staff all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING PATRICIA McCUNIFF REGAN

HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a notable Kansas City resident, Patricia McCuniff Regan, on her 79th birthday. Patty, as she is affectionately called by all who know her, has devoted her life to being a spirit of friendliness and benevolence wherever she goes. With her late husband, Bob, and friends and neighbors, she created "Westports of the World," an assembly of Westport sister cities stretching across our great nation and the globe from New Zealand to Ireland. Global Westport residents have been meeting in a sister city since the assembly's inception. Westport in Kansas City hosted a pioneer meeting in 1985 and a worldwide convention in 1995.

Throughout her life, Patty has focused on creating positive change in the community around her by participating in campaigns and exercising her rights as a citizen. She assists those in need and is a model of exemplary public service. Patty and Bob worked for civil rights and fair housing in the 1960's while raising their children. As she approaches her eighth decade, Patty continues to make our community and country a better place.

Patty and Bob welcomed nine children into this world. Without doubt, their children and grandchildren are a tribute and a great source of pride. Despite e.g., losing son Timothy at age seven in 1961 and husband Bob in 1986, Patty maintains her "joie de vivre." Terry Leager, Amy Schulz, Danny Regan, Becky

Regan, Peggy Regan, Jenny Krizman, Patrick Regan, and Carol Braun are fortunate, indeed, as are their children. They exemplify the generosity of character and fun loving spirit of Patty and Bob.

Patty truly lives the axiom she taught her children—to think of others before oneself. She demonstrates selfless optimism and generosity through her community activities, by her service as a Eucharistic minister in the Guardian Angels parish, and in giving blood every eight weeks for most of her adult life. I have personally benefited from her loving generosity on numerous occasions in the more than quarter century we Irish lassies have depended upon each other. What would Christmas be without Regan cookies and luminarias created at their Roanoke abode?

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Patty Regan on her 79th birthday. I am grateful for her friendship and am honored to recognize her for a lifetime of giving back to her community. Westport is a better place for her being in it, as are all the lives she has touched in her 79 years of extraordinary good works.

A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY JOSEPH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Anthony Joseph in recognition of his entrepreneurial success in the marketing and communications field.

As a product of New York City public school system, Anthony parlayed his academic achievement and his experience as an All-City championship football player into a walk-on position on the Boston University squad. Anthony promoted campus parties and events to subsidize his tuition. After graduation, he quickly turned a temp job in The New York Times' finance department into a staff position in the paper's marketing department.

With just one experience as an employee with the New York Times, Anthony combined his knowledge of urban landscape with his marketing expertise to incorporate the fastest rising marketing/communication company in the urban field. Anthony laid the foundation for his urban success by moonlighting with Vital Marketing Group VMG while still at the Times. Through contacts at a major apparel and an advertising agency, Anthony was able to participate in business meetings where he was able to present strategies, which, over time, turned into contracts with Tommy Hilfiger, Hush Puppies, and Wolverine Boots.

Eventually, Anthony's growing client base necessitated his departure from the Times. He partnered with the African-American media company that established the billboard beachhead on Harlem's 125th Street, utilized by so many entertainment companies at the time. Together they formed VMG, with Anthony leading the charge. After merely four years of business, its roster counts big-timers such as the U.S. Army, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Coca Cola, Remy Martin, Foot Action, Posner Cosmetics and Universal Records to name a few. It has an income of over \$7 million in annual revenue.

Vital Marketing's unusual methodology and its consistent success can be credited in great